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World Bank Assistance under NRLM
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has provided some financial assistance for Aajeevika-National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the projects taken up or proposed to be taken up under the aforesaid assistance; and

(d) whether any anomalies were found at the implementation stage of these projects and if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures being taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) and (b): The Government is implementing National Rural Livelihoods Mission, renamed as Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana − National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY − NRLM) across the country in a mission mode with the objective of organizing the rural poor women into Self Help Groups (SHGs), and continuously nurturing and supporting them till they attain appreciable increase in incomes over a period of time and improve their quality of life and come out of abject poverty. It aims to cover all the States and Union Territories (except Delhi and Chandigarh) and seeks to reach out to all rural poor women in a phased manner by the year 2024-25.National Rural Livelihoods Project (NRLP) is being implemented under the aegis of DAY − NRLM which is funded through World Bank Credit. The Government of India had signed an agreement with the World Bank in July, 2011, for availing IDA credit of US $ 1 billion (approximately Rs. 4500 crore) for National Rural Livelihoods Project (NRLP) to be availed over a period of five years. The objective was to increase effectiveness of the resources being utilized under NRLM through professionalizing the overall program management and moving towards a results-based approach throughout the country. Subsequently, the project has been restructured in May 2013 and the credit amount reduced to US $500 million which is to be availed by December 2017. NRLP is being implemented in select blocks of 13 high poverty. These States are Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. It is a demand based programme and the funds are released to the States keeping in view the amount approved as per their Annual Action Plan and the extent of funds available. The NRLP has been further restructured in the year 2015 to create dedicated funds for innovative projects on livelihoods supports, financial inclusion, convergence and skills building. The details of funds allocated are as under:-

Sl.No. Name Amount (in US Dollars)

1. Livelihoods Support 45 million

2. Financial Inclusion 20 million

3. Convergence 20 million

4. Skills Development 30 million

(c): A statement each indicating the projects sanctioned under Livelihoods Support, Financial Inclusion, and Convergence is enclosed as Annexure I, II and III respectively.

(d): As the projects have been sanctioned only recently, it is too early to carry out any assessment of these projects.

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